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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Clark Task Force Briefings CONFIDENTIAL

1. The Clark Task Force of the Hoover Commission is composed of the following members:

General Mark Wayne Clark
Admiral Richard Lansing Conolly
Edward Vernon Rickenbacker
Donald Stuart Russell
Ernest Frederick Hollings

Brief biographic sketches are attached.

2. The Clark Task Force has designated as a working staff the following members:

General James S. Christiansen, Director
Colonel John J. Dubbelde
Colonel Herman O. Lane

It is expected that additional members will be appointed to the working staff in the near future.

3. The initial briefing of both the Task Force and Staff will take place on Monday, 18 October, in the Director's Conference Room, Administration Building; on Tuesday, 19 October, in Room 204 South Building. A copy of the briefing schedule is attached.

4. Every effort will be made to adhere to the time schedule, and speakers are requested to allow for a brief question period at the conclusion of their presentations. Speakers are also requested to avoid the use of abbreviations or initials in referring to CIA components, inter-agency committees or other government agencies.

5. Charts or graphic materials for use in presentations should be delivered to the conference room and set up before the start of the session. 25X1

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6. For any further information call either [redacted]

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Briefing Schedule for the General Clark Task Force and Staff

18 October 1954

1400 - 1500	Organization of CIA; Relation to NSC	Allen W. Dulles Director of Central Intelligence
1500 - 1530	Relations with Defense Department and Military Services	General C. P. Cabell Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
1530 - 1545	Break	
1545 - 1615	National Intelligence Production	Robert Amory Deputy Director for Intelligence
1615 - 1645	Relations with FBI	25X1 Chief of Operations, DD/Plans
1645 - 1715	Association with Foreign Intelligence Services	25X1 Chief, Inspection & Review Staff, DD/Plans

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0900 - 0930	Overt Activities	George G. Carey Assistant Director for Operations
0930 - 1000	Clandestine Activities	25X1 Chief of Operations, DD/Plans
1000 - 1030	Current Intelligence	Huntington Sheldon Assistant Director for Current Intelligence
1030 - 1045	Break	
1045 - 1115	National Estimates	Sherman Kent Assistant Director for National Estimates
1115 - 1145	Personnel	Harrison G. Reynolds Assistant Director for Personnel
1145 - 1215	Security	Sheffield Edwards Director of Security
		25X1 Deputy Director of Security

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GENERAL MARK WAYNE CLARK, born Madison Barracks, New York, 1 May 1896.

Education

1917 U. S. Military Academy, BS
1925 Infantry School
1935 Command and General Staff School
1937 Army War College
University of Southern California
Oberlin College
University of San Francisco LLD
University of Vienna
University of Naples Dr. Political Science
Oxford University DCL
University of Florence DSC

Military Service

1917 - Advanced through the grades from 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry to General.

Major Assignments

1942 Commanding General, II Corps
Commander Ground Forces, NTO
1943 Commanding General, 5th Army
1944 Commander, 15 Army Group
1945 Commander in Chief, U. S. Occupation Forces Austria
U. S. Member, Allied Commission for Austria
1948 - 1949 Western Area Representative of Secretary of Defense for Unification of Facilities and Services
1949 Chief of Army Field Forces
1952 U. N. Supreme Commander in Korea and Commander U. S. Forces in Far East

31 October 1953 Retired from active duty

1954 President, The Citadel

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Citations include:

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Legion of Merit
Purple Heart

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ADMIRAL RICHARD LANSING CONOLLY, born Waukegan, Illinois, 26 April 1892.

Education

1906-1909 Lake Forest Academy
1914 Graduated U. S. Naval Academy, B. S.
1922 Post Graduate, Columbia University
1930-1931 U. S. Naval War College

Military Service

Navigating Officer, Battleship Tennessee
Division and Squadron Commander - Destroyers

1944 Commander Task Force at Guam
1946 Paris Peace Conference
1946-1950 CINC Naval Forces, East Atlantic, Mediterranean
1950-1953 Staff Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet

2 November 1953, retired from service and accepted appointment as President, Long Island University.

Citations include:

Navy Cross
Legion of Merit
NMI

Croix de Guerre (Belgium)
Companion of Bath (Britain)
Commander Legion of Honor (France)

Married 1921 to Helen Blanche Jacobs; 3 children--Ann, Richard Lansing and Robert Corbett.

Richard Lansing Conolly, Jr., son of the Admiral, is at present a staff member of CIA stationed in Tokyo.

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EDWARD VERNON RICKENBACKER, born Columbus, Ohio, 8 October 1890.

Military Service

World War I, 1917, Air Service; Engineering Officer Issoudon Training Field, Commanding Officer 94th Aero Pursuit Squadron, which was first U.S. unit to participate on Western Front--this unit was credited with 69 victories (largest number of victories of any American unit) and he headed the list with 26 victories to his credit.

World War II, special missions for Secretary of War to England, South Pacific, North Africa, Iran, India, China, Russia, Iceland, Greenland and Aleutians.

Citations

Medal of Merit
DSC with 9 Oak Leaves
Congressional Medal of Honor

Legion of Honor
Croix de Guerre with 4 Palms

Widely known as auto racer; won championships at national and international meets.

1933-1934, North American Aviation, Inc.

1935-present, Eastern Airlines; President since 1938.

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DONALD STUART RUSSELL, born Lafayette Springs, Miss., 22 February 1906.

Education

1922 University of South Carolina AB
1928 University of South Carolina LLB
1929 Graduate studies, University of Michigan

1930-1942 Engaged in private practice of law in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Early Association with James Byrnes in the law firm of Nichols, Weiss and Byrnes.

Government Service

1941 War Department Price Adjustment Board
1942 Office of War Mobilization and Economic Stabilization
1943 Assistant Director, War Mobilization
1944 Military Service, Major, AUS, Assigned to SHAEF
1945 Deputy Director, War Mobilization
1945-1947 Assistant Secretary of State
Attended Potsdam Conference with former President Truman.

June 1952 Accepted appointment as President, University South Carolina, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

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ERNEST FREDERICK HOLLINGS, born Charleston, S. C. -- 1 January 1922.

1942 Citadel AB
1947 University of South Carolina LLB

1942-1945 Captain AUS, 353AAA, 36th Division
Overseas Africa and ETO

Married 1946, 1 son.

Speaker pro tem, South Carolina House of Representatives
Democratic nominee for Lieutenant Governor, South Carolina

Law firm, Moyer, Goldberg and Hollings
Charleston, S. C.

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